

OLD BROOKS HOUSE AT SUNNYSIDE.

HE marl beds in the vicinity of Washington come into public notice now and then and they have so frequently been the subject of scientific examination and so long a subject of scientific interest that they have a secure place in the geologic literature of this region. Usually these deposits are esteemed for their value in producing lime for the fertilization of certain types of soil and for the cultivation of certain crops. Some of the marks are rich in calcium carbonate derived from the shells which are abundant in the deposits and chemical analyses usually show the presence of small amounts of min-

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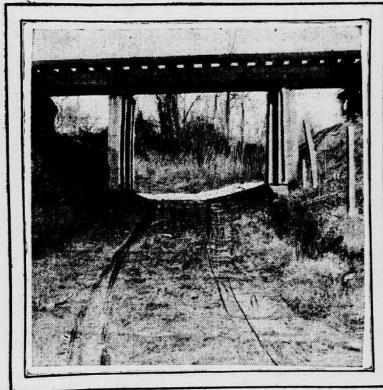
strata in which the early forms of life appear. Many explorations have been made of these marl beds by men who study fossils and very many visits to them are made by men who have gone no further in the subject than to common further in the subject of the Maryland geological survey on the physical features of the counties of Maryland may be seen excellent pictures of all the fossils with their names appended. Anybody interested in this subject should consult Thomas Gallagher in the library of the United States geological survey. He has the books which treat of these matters. Some of the fossils are called Callypraphorus trinodiferus, Turbinolia acuticostata, Strepsidura subscalarina, etc., and by learning to speak them as though one really understood what the words mean a positive hit may sometimes be scored with persons who only know the difference between clam shells and oyster shells.

Two celebrated marl beds in the vicinity of Washington are on Piscataway creek, near Fort Washington, and in Prince Georges county, two miles east of the District line, or Chesapeake Junction. The latter deposit is called the Sunnyside marl bed, taking the name of the old Berry-Brooks estate, of which it is a part.

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est child, Miss Claudine, a venerable lady of exemplary and kindly char-acter, was laid at rest in the same grounds. She was the mistress of Sun-nyside from the time of her father's death. Two sons of Judge Brooks live at Sunnyside today.

Thomas R. Brooks was born in Connecticut, October 23, 1821, and was brought to Prince Georges county by his parents when a child. For a long time the Brooks family lived at Suitland, about three miles southwest from Sunnyside. He was married December 9. 1844, to a widow whose name was Moran and whose maiden name was Susan R. Waters. In the faded memoranda written by Judge Brooks in the family Bible at Sunnyside there is, in

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